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A firefighter surveys the smouldering ruins of a house in the Breezy Point section of New York on Tuesday. More than 50 homes were destroyed in a fire that swept through the oceanfront community during Superstorm Sandy.
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Transit plan aims to gain traction

City hall. Council voting on Transportation 2040, which would further reduce vehicle trips

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The plan to get two-thirds of Vancouverites out of cars and onto transit, bikes and sidewalks by 2040 will go before a city council vote Wednesday.

If approved, the city's Transportation 2040 plan will prioritize transit on the Broadway corridor, improve connections between existing bike lanes and encourage more residential areas near transit, the city's director of transportation, Jerry Dobrovolny, told council Tuesday.

"It's not about a war on the car," Dobrovolny said, nor is it about building more bike lanes. "It's about building a higher level of service."

Even though Vancouver's population has grown in the past 15 years, five per cent fewer vehicles entered the city in 2011 than in 1996, Dobrovolny said.

By the numbers

18,000

City planners took two years and consulted with more than 18,000 people to develop the plan, which includes a goal to eliminate traffic-related fatalities.

And Vancouver's previous goals to get more people using transit have been met ahead of schedule, he added. By 2009, the city met the 2021 target of having only 58 per cent of trips taken in motor vehicles.

While $70 million in city funds have been promised for transportation by 2014, Dobrovolny said major infrastructure projects would require additional TransLink funding. With the province's financial struggles, it's not clear when, or how much, money will come through.

But the Broadway corridor needs more transit. Until an underground rapid-transit line to UBC is built, interim solutions could include double-decker or longer buses.

The plan puts a premium on activities that reduce greenhouse-gas emissions, but it also acknowledges that businesses need the use of roads, especially to the port and airport.

Cycling, disability and public-space advocates praised the plan and the process at council Tuesday, calling it "excellent" and "revolutionary."

But not everyone was sold on the idea.

Vancouver resident Ian Tootill pointed out that there was scant mention of motorcycle and scooter parking, and Alex Beiklou called the plan "one-dimensional" against motor vehicles.

Business representatives also expressed concerns.

"There is no need for bike lanes on Commercial Drive, especially at expense (of) losing parking," said restaurant owner Federico Fuoco.

While the Vancouver BIA's Peter Jackman supported reducing car trips downtown to ease congestion, he questioned whether cyclists should be licensed.

And Ingrid Turke from Strathcona's Cottonwood Community Garden, the city's oldest community patch, worried that the proposed Malkin overpass will destroy a significant number of garden plots.

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NEWS

Men in van. Teen girl evades abduction attempt

Police have issued a public warning after three men allegedly tried to abduct a Templeton Secondary School student on Monday.

Sgt. Randy Fincham said the men were in a van when they approached the 16-year-old girl, who was walking near Lakewood and East Pender streets at about 12:15 p.m.

"The men yelled at the girl, attempting to convince her to get into the van," Fincham said. "The girl, who was physically not injured, ran to the safety of a nearby store where she called 911."

Officers responded but were unable to locate the suspects. The van is described as an electric-blue work vehicle with black-and-white lettering and a sliding door on the left side.

Police said the driver of the van was South Asian, in his late 20s to early 30s, with a small to medium build and stubble on his face. He was wearing black clothing. There is no description of the other men, except that they were also wearing black clothing.

Kurt Heinrich of the Vancouver School Board said the principal has been working with the girl's family and will put her in touch with counsellors if she wants the support.

"We take these incidents very seriously," he said. "We take our cues from the police and, in this case, the young woman did everything exactly correct. She was able to right away let adults know that this happened."

Fincham advised people to be aware of their surroundings, stick to well-lit areas, use a buddy system when walking or jogging, and carry a cellphone.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the VPD robbery, assault and arson unit at 604-717-2541 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Vancouver police search the parking lot of a McDonald's on Hastings Street in East Vancouver on Tuesday. The lot was the site of a police-involved shooting Monday that is the subject of a civilian-watchdog investigation. CAM TUCKER/METRO

Watchdog probes two police-involved deaths

Civilian oversight. Agency, launched in September, operates under the Ministry of Justice

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The province's independent police watchdog is investigating two police-involved deaths that happened within three hours of each other on Monday in East Vancouver and Langley.

A 10-member team from the Independent Investigation Office was deployed to a police-involved shooting outside a McDonald's at the intersection of Cassiar and East Hastings streets.

An IIO release confirmed it has secured the VPD officer's firearm and recovered a knife at the scene. The agency has also conducted interviews with 18 witnesses and notified the dead man's next of kin.

The shooting happened at about 8:15 p.m., after police responded to a report of windows being smashed in the 400 block of Skeena Street.

"When the first officer arrived, he was confronted by a man who was holding a knife," VPD Sgt. Randy Fincham said in a statement released early on Tuesday.

Independent agency

- The civilian-led Independent Investigation Office was established to look into incidents involving B.C. police officers that result in death or serious harm.

The man was then shot by police. He was taken to hospital where he died.

IIO investigators returned to the scene on Tuesday to gather evidence and speak to officers and witnesses.

Meanwhile, seven IIO personnel were deployed to Langley Township just hours earlier on Monday to investigate a fatal three-vehicle crash.

Police say a dark-green pickup truck raced through an RCMP speed trap in the 24000 block of 0 Avenue at about 5:30 p.m., and the driver fled the scene when officers tried to stop him.

Three minutes later, the suspect vehicle collided with two others in the intersection of 240 Street and 16 Avenue, killing the male driver and the lone occupant of a second car. The male driver of the third vehicle was uninjured.

The driver of the suspect vehicle was arrested and remains in custody.

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VPD warns against illegal fireworks

Safety first. Officials are reminding residents to get firework permits before buying and using fireworks

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Vancouver police, fire and emergency services are telling residents that, if they want to avoid a Halloween horror, they should think twice about lighting illegal fireworks.

"What concerns is that, for some individuals out there, using legal and approved fireworks isn't just good enough anymore," said Capt. Gabe Roder, of Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services.

Some people are buying illegal products such as M-80 fireworks, which are illegal in both Canada and the U.S., and others are even taking standard fireworks and turning them into improvised explosive devices, Roder said.

"All it takes is one very small mistake for a result to be disastrous and life-changing," he added.

At a press conference Tuesday, Roder held up a young girl's jacket to stress the dangers of fireworks.

"This (eight-year-old) girl was in the wrong place at the wrong time (two years ago), caught in between irresponsible firework use," Roder said. "We're just very fortunate that she suffered very minor burns from this interaction she had with fireworks."

Officials are reminding residents to get firework permits at vancouver.ca/fire before purchasing and using fireworks.

Capt. Gabe Roder of Vancouver Fire and Rescue Services holds up a jacket of an eight-year-old girl who was struck by "irresponsible" firework use two years ago.
PHYLICIA TORREVILLAS/METRO

Bust. 100 boxes of fireworks snatched from Burnaby business

These thieves will have a hard time keeping their bounty quiet.

One hundred boxes of fireworks worth about $12,000 were stolen from a Burnaby business on the 5900 block of Broadway Avenue sometime between late Sunday night and early Monday, according to Burnaby RCMP.

Halloween could go off with a bang if the thieves try to sell these fireworks.

The RCMP is asking for the public's help to identify the culprits and to report any "suspicious sales of fireworks."

"Every year many people are injured while playing with fireworks," RCMP spokesman Cpl. Rick Skolrood said.

Many victims of these accidents are teenagers, he added.

Anyone with information regarding this theft is asked to contact the Burnaby RCMP,at 604-294-7922, or Crimestoppers, at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

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Another shake

Alaska jolted by small earthquake

There's been a small earthquake in Alaska, north of two tremblors that shook Haida Gwaii off the north B.C. coast. The newest jolt, which struck 48 kilometres northwest of Anchorage had a magnitude of 4.3.

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Shark and tsunami

Victoria women get double scare

Two Victoria women had a double scare, from a shark encounter and a tsunami alert, on the last day of their holiday in Maui on the weekend.

First, Jane Gair was snorkelling when she came within a few metres of a shark that later bit a California woman. Gair swam ashore and warned her friend, Janice Speller, to get out of the water.

Later, Gair and Speller were among many who sought higher ground after a tsunami alert was triggered by the earthquake off the B.C. coast Saturday.

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Coal mine

Federal government investigates Chinese miners

A plan by a mining company to hire Chinese workers for a B.C. project is now being investigated by the federal government.

HD Mining wants to bring 200 temporary workers for its proposed Murray River coal mine in northeast B.C., sparking complaints from labour leaders that Canadians should be hired instead.

Alyson Queen, a spokeswoman for the federal human resources minister, says Ottawa wants to make sure that Canadians have first crack at jobs in this country and the department has launched an investigation.

The probe will determine whether the applications for foreign worker permits met all the requirements, including that an employer has exhausted all efforts to hire Canadian workers first.

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Officials thought serial killer was reforming

Lela Phillips, mother of Jeremy Phillips, who was found dead in his cell at Mountain federal penitentiary in November 2010. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cell-mate murder. Assistant warden says self-described sociopathic killer was 'performing very well'

Federal corrections officers who assessed a violent serial killer before transferring him to a medium-security prison believed the convict was repentant, a B.C. coroner's inquest heard Tuesday.

Just two months after the transfer, Michael McGray confessed to murdering his prison cell mate.

An assistant warden at Mountain Institute in Agassiz, B.C., described to the coroner's jury the rationale for moving McGray from the province's only maximum-security prison.

"He indicated he was committed to his correctional plan .... He was performing very well," Brenda Lamm told the inquest.

"I believe he was making a sincere effort. I don't believe that he manipulated the staff."

McGray confessed to police he tied up 33-year-old Jeremy Phillips with bedsheets and stuffed a sock in the willing man's mouth as part of an elaborate hostage-taking ruse they concocted together.

McGray later admitted he turned on Phillips to gratify his own murderous urges.

In a raw and unnerving interview with police he calls himself a sociopathic killer with mental-health issues, and promises to stack up more bodies before he dies. He said authorities should never have moved him to a lower-security prison.

McGray repeated the same story when he pleaded guilty to first-degree murder a year later, and was handed another life sentence in addition to sentences for six other murders.

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Fallen Canadian soldiers. Grieving parents urge blood donation

The parents of a soldier who was severely wounded in Afghanistan hope Canadians will remember the sacrifices of military personnel by donating blood in November.

The British Columbia and Yukon branch of the Canadian Blood Services has launched the Remember the Power of Giving campaign, inspired by Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick.

The Prince George resident was wounded on March 6, 2010, while serving with international forces in Afghanistan.

A series of blood transfusions in Germany prolonged the 21-year-old's life for two weeks and allowed his family to see him.

"He was actually conscious and talking and got to tell his brothers that he loved them," said his mother, Colleen Fitzpatrick.

Her son's wish to be returned home to Canada was granted, and he made it as far as Edmonton on March 16, 2010. He died there the next day.

Colleen Fitzpatrick said supporting Canadian Blood Services is the family's opportunity to share her son's story and to pay it forward.

Raising awareness

"People have approached us and said they want to help ... but they don't know how to do that. So blood donation is a way for them to do that, to show their support."

Colleen Fitzpatrick
Fitzpatrick is trying to raise awareness about giving blood in memory of her 21-year-old son, Cpl. Darren Fitzpatrick.

"We understand the significance of the two weeks we got to spend with Darren," she said, calling that time a precious gift.

Fitzpatrick, her husband, Jim, and their 21-year-old son, Sean, have been donating blood for more than a year.

"We've done some calculations and Jim and I have said that it would take us over 10 years to repay (all the blood) that Darren got," Fitzpatrick said.

During November, blood donors in British Columbia can submit stories in honour of those who have inspired their donations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A question of rights

War vets sue feds over injury compensation

The federal government is facing a class-action lawsuit from several Afghanistan war vets who say Ottawa is violating their rights by not providing adequate compensation for their war injuries.

The suit filed in B.C. Supreme Court includes Major Mark Douglas Campbell, who lost both legs in a bombing in 2008, and Cpl. Bradley Darren Quast, who was severely injured in a 2009 blast that killed four soldiers and a Canadian journalist.

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Self-congratulatory ads

Grit advertising a waste of money, NDP argues

The NDP says the Liberals are wasting taxpayers' money by running self-congratulatory advertising ahead of the provincial election next May.

The TV and radio ads describe the Liberals' job-creation program and their pledge to balance the budget next year.

NDP finance critic Bruce Ralston says the ads contain no important or useful information for B.C. residents and are simply designed to make the Liberal government look good.

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Eastside. Seventy social housing units approved

City council approved a 12-storey mixed-development project in the Downtown Eastside despite criticism that it will push out low-income residents.

The GBL Architects project at 955 East Hastings St. — which some DTES residents have dubbed "Woodward's East" — will include 70 social housing units, 23 of which will be provided at welfare rates.

"That's a lot better than nothing," Mayor Gregor Robertson said at council Tuesday.

After these are built, the city will need 231 more non-market housing units to meet its goal of 1,500 by 2014.

While Robertson acknowledged there were some "real concerns" with gentrification, he said the project is a creative solution that provides more affordable housing in an area that needs it. The units will cost taxpayers $900,000 — about $13,000 each — with the developer covering the rest of the $10.7-million price tag, according to the rezoning application.

But critics, including Jean Swanson of the Carnegie Community Action Project, said the development will decrease the amount of affordable housing in the area and hurt the community. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Quoted

"It's going to move us all out of the area."

Sex worker Lulu Bordeaux on the gentrification of "Woodward's East"

Environment ministry

Investigation into fly ash dumped in landfill launched

The B.C. government has launched an investigation into the decision to ship potentially toxic fly ash from an incinerator in Burnaby to a landfill in Cache Creek.

About 1,800 tonnes of the ash was set to the landfill in July and August, and fears have been raised that the material may be a danger to human health because the ash contains the metallic element cadmium.

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Hyper-local last-minute Halloween costumes

B.C. treats.
Remember: A scary costume is frighteningly unfashionable

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Halloween is a great time to get political, if only to poke fun at newsmakers. But for those who dread showing up as Big Bird to a house party full of Big Birds, Metro has composed a few locally relevant, and thoughtful, costume ideas:

An attendee shows another his Polaroid Land Camera at the second annual Hipster Olympics in Berlin in July. ADAM BERRY/GETTY IMAGES

Working hipster

The B.C. government got some flack for its poster campaign decrying a life of hipsterdom in favour of skilled-trade jobs. "Hipster is not a real job," read the transit ad, while directing readers to its career website, careertrekbc.ca. In light of this gaffe (or success, depending on how you look at it), why not dress up as a hipster in a hardhat, demonstrating to all your friends what a hipster might look like if they ever got a job.

Shark-fin ban

In September, city council agreed to start working on a plan that could see the sale and consumption of shark fins banned from Metro Vancouver. Shark advocates, such as Sharkwater director Rob Stewart, have argued that shark-fin soup is cruel because fishermen lop off the shark's fins and throw them back in the water. Nothing drives home the point home more clearly than a finless shark costume.

Cow and elk

Rutting season can be a dangerous time for hooved animals, but for a group of domestic cows near 100 Mile House earlier this month, it was nothing but a love-in. A randy elk had to be relocated after he repeatedly mounted a farmer's cows.

Surrey's tiny condos

Canada's smallest condos are going up in Surrey. These 290-square-foot "micro-suites" cost just $100,000, surprisingly reasonable in a city where the average home price is somewhere around $500,000. Cut some holes in a box, paint on some windows and a white picket fence to show all those partygoers just how little a lawyer's salary will get you these days.

Sick Queen Victoria

Oh, Christy. Premier Clark hasn't been B.C.'s favourite person lately, and she really lost favour with Victorians when she called their city "sick." Immortalize her damning comment in costume by dressing as a "sick" Queen Victoria. After all, what's better for dancing to the Monster Mash than a restrictive bodice and a cartoonishly large thermometer?

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Medley of ghosts haunt Burnaby estate: Psychics

Haunted lands?
Rattled staffers at art gallery have heard spooky noises, are scared at night

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Nicole Vieira says she had just started working at Burnaby's Shadbolt Centre for the Arts more than 20 years ago when she first heard the phantom children screaming and crying.

She didn't know then that the James Cowan Theatre and an adjacent mansion known as Ceperley House were built on the former site of an orphanage run by a cult leader running from a criminal past.

It wasn't until she started asking other staff about the inexplicable noises that she learned the history of the building, including about William Frank Wolsey, a convicted U.S. bigamist who bought the property in 1955 and fraudulently dubbed himself Archbishop John I.

"He did horrible things to those boys. He abused them physically, sexually, verbally, mentally," Vieira told Metro on a recent tour of what is widely regarded as one of B.C.'s most haunted locations.

"If they didn't recite the Lord's Prayer good enough he would lock them in closets up in Ceperley House for days — like five-, six-year-old little kids. I'm sure a lot of kids died here at Ceperley House because of the way they were treated, and what I have seen and heard."

Ceperley House, a three-storey, 32-room mansion, was built in 1910 by Henry and Grace Ceperley, a couple of wealthy real-estate tycoons. Grace died there of an illness in 1917, and Vieira, who is a technical supervisor in the theatre, said many people have seen a figure in white walking the grounds.

Henry and Grace Ceperley built a three-storey, 32-room mansion next to Deer Lake in 1910, and raised Henry's three children from his first marriage there.
KATE WEBB/METRO/IVANA PAULETIG/BURNABY ARCHIVES

"A lot of people believe that she comes and wanders around trying to console these poor children," she said.

Before it was an orphanage, the house was used as a dormitory and sanctuary by a group of Benedictine monks. It is now the Burnaby Art Gallery, and Marisa Ferrari, who works there, said several psychics have recently been called in to try to calm the rattled nerves of new staffers.

"There's a few psychics that say there's a monk, maybe a couple of them, and a little girl, and I feel Grace (Ceperley) is here," she said. "The other psychics say there's another man here trying to take over the building."

She said nobody who works in the art gallery wants to be the last to leave at night.

"I've heard walking in the upper gallery, run upstairs and there's nobody there," she said. "I've heard big, loud bangs when there's nobody left in the building, and it's really unsettling, because it's so loud and you know there's no one here, so you just want to get out of the building."

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Paranormal activity

Feel like a Halloween scare? We take a look at the spookiest places in other Metro cities across Canada, from Edmonton to Halifax

Edmonton

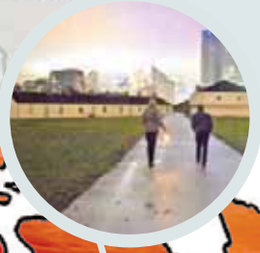
The McKay Avenue School is Edmonton's oldest brick schoolhouse, and it is reportedly haunted by a construction worker who fell from the roof while building an addition in 1912.

Regina

Tales of moving chairs and the sounds of footsteps are just regular occurrences at Government House. The 100-year-old residence has been used for everything from spectacular royal parties to an infirmary for Second World War veterans, and is said to be haunted by a former cook.

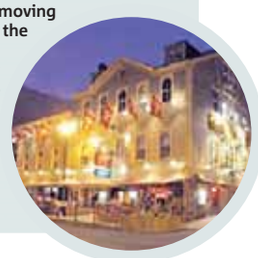
Toronto

Fort York was the site of a bloody battle back in 1813 and today, there have been many sightings of slain soldiers wandering the fort.



Halifax

The Five Fisherman Restaurant is known for its great food and ambience, but some swear its building from the 1800s is home to ghosts. Staff stories include glasses flying off shelves with no one around and cutlery on tables moving then falling to the floor. There is even the story of a server being patted on the shoulder, only to turn around and see no one there.



Calgary

Popular downtown watering hole the Rose and Crown was formerly a funeral home. The pub is believed to be home to multiple ghosts, including a young boy who reportedly died there.

Saskatoon

The Nutana Cemetery was where the first settlers of Saskatoon buried their loved ones, with the first recorded burial happening in 1884. It is said that on cold, dark nights, you can hear children crying.

Ottawa

A spectral presence in a hotel room and eerie singing in a winding staircase prompt history buffs to explore the spooky tale of the owner of the Chateau Laurier, who perished on the Titanic.

London, Ont.

Eldon House is one of London's oldest homes and is said to be haunted by Wenman Wynniatt, who died on his way to meet his love there. Legend has it he returned from the afterlife immediately after his sudden death to say goodbye to his lady.

Winnipeg

The Manitoba Museum has many artifacts from different time periods — and rumoured spirits attached to those artifacts, drawing the attention of paranormal researchers.

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Blast from the past: Dud bomb shuts airport

Jitters in Japan. All 92 flights in and out of Sendai are cancelled after wartime relic is unearthed on runway

A major airport in northern Japan was closed Tuesday after construction workers found an unexploded bomb believed to be from the Second World War.

All 92 flights in and out of Sendai airport were cancelled after the 250-kilogram bomb was uncovered during construction near a runway.

The bomb was identified as American-made and is believed to be a dud from the war.

It appeared to have a working detonator, and a military bomb squad was considering whether to move the bomb or explode it on the spot. Sandbags were piled up around the bomb. Officials said nearby homes might be evacuated.

Sendai airport, a regional hub for travel into northern Japan, was closed for months due to severe damage from last year's tsunami. It is still undergoing reconstruction. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A bulletin board at Sendai airport in Japan tells the story — all flights cancelled. The reason: an unexploded wartime bomb.
KYODO NEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Deadly rain

The United States heavily bombed Japanese cities during the Second World War and finding unexploded bombs is not unusual, even 67 years after Japan's surrender.

- **Tokyo tally.** Dozens of duds are uncovered in Tokyo every year.

Fed-up French PM orders sexism lessons for ministers

Politicians in France — which produced feminist icons such as Joan of Arc and Simone de Beauvoir — are going back to school.

They'll study … sexism.

French Prime Minister Jean-Marc Ayrault ordered the training after a series of gaffes by his ministers.

All of France's 38 ministers have signed up or are in the process of registering.

In the interest of gender equality, the female ministers are going, too.

Sweden's role

The anti-sexism training initiative comes — rather unsurprisingly — from Sweden, which is top-rated for gender equality.

Organizer Caroline de Haas says 80 per cent of politicians interviewed on French TV and radio broadcasts are men. She wants to fight against the "illusion" that France "has almost achieved equality."

Behind Ayrault's order are a series of missteps that sparked outrage.

There were catcalls in the French Parliament just because a female government minister wore a floral dress.

And this month the agriculture minister — in an interview on promoting gender equality — suggested that women couldn't get their heads around technical jobs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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‘It is a devastating sight right now’

Brian Hajeski, 41, reacts as he looks at debris of a home that washed up onto the Mantoloking Bridge on Tuesday, the morning after Superstorm Sandy rolled through Mantoloking, N.J. JULIO CORTEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough road ahead. Sandy will end up causing about $20B in property damage and $10B-$30B more in lost business: Global Insight

The most destructive storm in decades to hit the most densely populated U.S. region cut off modern communication and left millions without power Tuesday, as thousands who fled their waterlogged homes wondered when — if — life would return to normal.

A weakening Sandy, the hurricane turned fearsome superstorm, killed at least 50 people during its path through the U.S., many hit by falling trees, and still wasn’t finished. It inched inland across Pennsylvania, ready to bank toward western New York state to dump more of its water and likely cause more havoc Tuesday night.

“Nature,” said New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, assessing the damage to his city, “is an awful lot more powerful than we are.”

More than 8.2 million households were without power in 17 states as far west as Michigan.

One of the most dramatic tales came from lower Manhattan, where a failed backup generator forced New York University’s Tisch Hospital to relocate more than 200 patients, including 20 babies from neonatal intensive care. Dozens of ambulances lined up in the rainy night and the tiny patients were gingerly moved out, some attached to battery-powered respirators as gusts of wind blew their blankets.

What damage could be seen on the coastline Tuesday was, in some locations, staggering. “Unthinkable,” New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie said of what unfolded along the Jersey Shore, where houses were swept from their foundations and amusement park rides were washed into the ocean.

“It is beyond anything I thought I’d ever see. It is a devastating sight right now.”

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Is climate change to blame?

For more than a dozen years, climate scientists have been warning about the risk for big storms and serious flooding in New York.

- But they say it’s unfair to blame climate change for Sandy and its destruction.
- “The ingredients of this storm seem a little bit cooked by climate change, but the overall storm is difficult to attribute to global warming,” Canada’s University of Victoria climate scientist Andrew Weaver said.

Worst is over in Ontario. Toronto bears brunt of damage here in Canada

Superstorm Sandy has left tens of thousands of people without power in Ontario and Quebec, though experts say the worst appears to be over.

Environment Canada says the massive weather system dwindled overnight and should continue to weaken, but notes the provinces are still in for some wet, windy weather.

In Ontario, Toronto was hardest hit as 60,000 customers were without electricity Tuesday morning, leading to the closure of more than a dozen schools for the day.

A felled tree crushed a house in Toronto. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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So not PC. Loblaw label accused of ‘tasteless’ storm-related tweet

President’s Choice has apologized for an “insensitive” tweet about the superstorm that has left many Canadians with a bad taste.

The private label of Loblaw posted Tuesday: “What’s scarier? Hurricane #Sandy or a beverage with marshmallow eyeballs?” It linked to a recipe for “marshmallow bloodshot eyeballs,” which suggests cutting marshmallows in half and putting a grape or blueberry in the middle.

The account was flooded with replies criticizing the tweet as “awful” and “tasteless” for making light of a storm that killed more than 100 people across North America and the Caribbean, including a woman in Toronto.

President’s Choice tweeted again about an hour later to say it was sorry.

“We sincerely apologize for the insensitive tweet,” the company wrote. “We understand the seriousness of the storm and didn’t intend to make light of it.” THE CANADIAN PRESS

The morning after

1 N.Y.C. bright lights. Snuffed out

A darkened Manhattan is viewed Tuesday after much of the city lost electricity. SPENCER PLATT/GETTY IMAGES

2 Definitely post-tropical. In W.Va

Joe Bays shovels snow in front of his home in Beckley, W.Va. The storm dumped up to 48 centimetres of snow in West Virginia. JON C. HANCOCK/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3 Six feet under. Not deep enough

A casket floated out of the grave in a cemetery in Crisfield, Md. ALEX BRANDON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

4 City’s driving force. Flooded

Cars float in a flooded subterranean basement in the financial district of New York City. ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

5 Community. Incredible loss

Robert Connolly, left, embraces his wife Laura as they survey the remains of the home owned by her parents that burned to the ground in the Breezy Point section of New York. More than 50 homes were destroyed in the fire that swept through the oceanfront community during the storm. MARK LENNIHAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Not the blogs! Flooding takes out HuffPo, Gawker

Data centres down. Superstorm Sandy shuts Internet facilities in downtown Manhattan, affecting popular sites

Flooded data centres in downtown Manhattan brought down Gawker, Huffington Post and many popular New York-based blogs Tuesday while phone and cable companies were scrambling to assess damage and restore service in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy.

News and gossip site Gawker.com was still down in the afternoon, but Huffington Post was back online. Their webhost, Datagram Inc. said power was out, and flooding in their basement was preventing their backup generators from pumping fuel. Internet connectivity from three providers was also down.

Verizon Communications Inc., the biggest phone company in the region, said some facilities in downtown Manhattan are flooded, shutting down phone and Internet service.

Renesys Corp., which monitors the pathways of the Internet, said the storm caused major outages in New Jersey and New York. The city is a major transit point for international telecommunications traffic, and the firm said carriers were scrambling to route traffic around it.

Cablevision Systems Corp., which serves parts of Long Island, New York City and New Jersey, says it experienced widespread outages due to the loss of power. The company said it doesn't yet know the extent of outages in New Jersey, which bore the brunt of the storm. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Telecom hotel'

- Data centres hosted in a "telecom hotel" that spans a whole block and houses Google's New York headquarters were reporting outages as well, apparently because backup power failed when commercial power was cut Monday evening.

Stock exchange closed for second day

The streets surrounding the New York Stock Exchange were deserted Tuesday as financial markets remained closed for the second day due to Hurricane Sandy. Trading has rarely stopped for weather. A blizzard led to a late start and an early close on Jan. 8, 1996, according to the exchange's parent company, NYSE Euronext. The NYSE also shut down on Sept. 27, 1985, for Hurricane Gloria. The exchange is expected to reopen Wednesday for regular trading. RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maps app

Apple asked iPhone software exec to resign

The head of Apple's iPhone software development was asked to resign after he refused to sign a letter apologizing for the flaws in Apple's mapping application, according to a published report.

The Wall Street Journal says Scott Forstall's refusal was the latest clash between him and other executives, and it led to the company's announcement Monday that he is stepping down and leaving the company next year. Forstall's unit was responsible for the Maps application, which was unfavourably compared to the Google Maps app it replaced. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Scott Forstall
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WHAT'S GIVING YOU GOOSEBUMPS THIS HALLOWEEN

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Happy Halloween, the scariest day of the year. And if you think it's all fake blood, makeup and masks, this list of the Seven Scariest Things Happening Right Now will wipe that silly zombie grin off your face.

1 **Mother Nature gone wild.** Earthquakes and tsunamis on the West Coast; Perfect Storm Sandy on the East Coast. Why has Gaia gone gaga? Is it something we did?

2 **Death by Mitt-adventure.** Mitt Romney must figure he's suffering from some Halloween curse. At the very moment it looks as if his U.S. presidential campaign is poised to take off, he is foiled by an Act of God that elevates Barack Obama, his opponent. It doesn't help that he was caught on camera during the Republican primary, saying it was "immoral" to borrow money for disaster relief. It's bad enough that the New York Times has endorsed Obama, but God? Geez, Louise.

3 **...and 39 minutes later.** Not sure if it was immoral or not, but the U.S. response to the 7.7-magnitude earthquake off Haida Gwaii Saturday night was 39 minutes faster than the B.C. government's. The quake happened at 8:04 p.m.; the U.S. sent out a tsunami warning at 8:16. The B.C. government followed with a tsunami tweet at 8:55, long after everyone should have gone to higher ground. B.C. Premier Christy Clark was happy with her province's response. Nobody died, she said cheerfully. This time.

4 **Equal time for the undead.** Tony Bennett makes another album of duets with people who can still sing, play instruments and stand upright. For a man who recorded his first album in 1952, a hearty pat on the back … and two words of advice: enough, already.

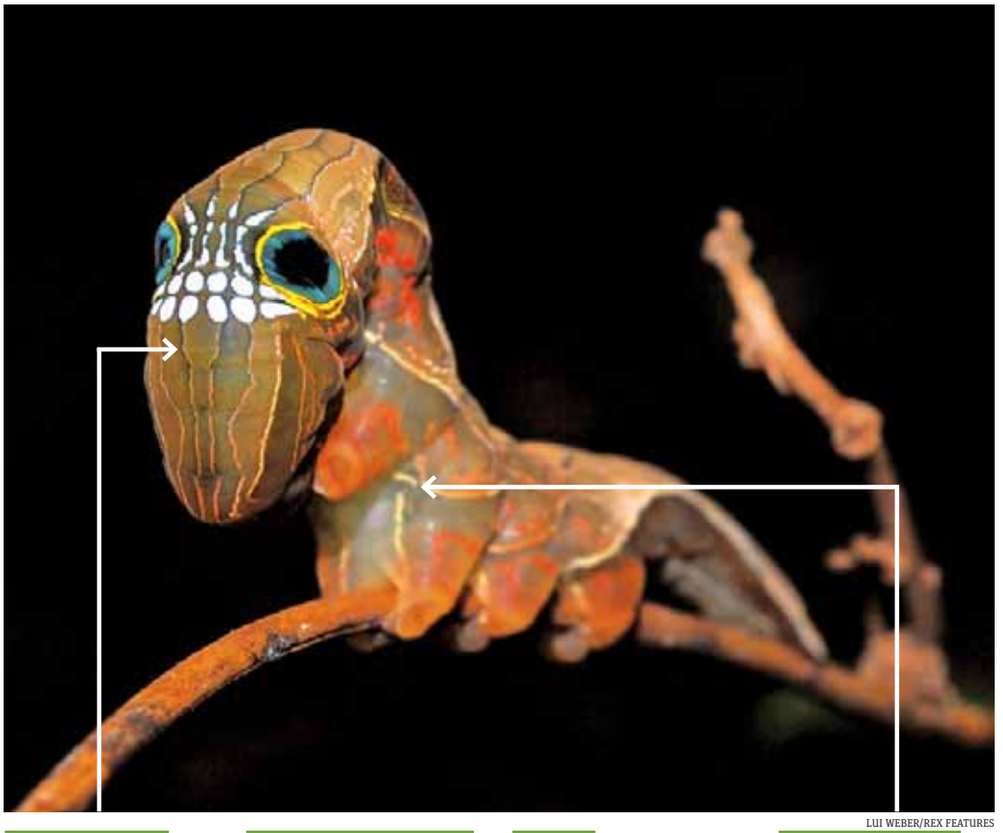
5 **Speaking of creepy.** Then there's Anne Coulter. If Tony Bennett should step aside for Michael Bublé or something, Anne Coulter should be subject to a restraining order. The scariest blond on the block calls the president of the United States a "retard" in her outside voice, and refuses to take it back or apologize, no matter how many Special Olympians she has offended.

6 **Lost in cyberspace.** The head of Apple's iPhone-software development loses his head over the iPhone 5 Maps application that directs people into the Twilight Zone more often than Google Maps, which it unwisely replaces. Almost simultaneously (or at least posthumously) the 260-foot yacht of deceased Apple founder Steve Jobs is launched. I hope it's using Google Maps to navigate.

7 **Most Haunted — NOT!** The annual list of most haunted places in Canada is doing the rounds again this year, and the usual suspects — the Banff Springs Hotel, Fort Henry in Kingston, Ont., and Gastown's Blood Alley — are on the list. But Canada's Scariest Place didn't even make the list: Where's Toronto City Hall? Rob Ford is comin' to git ya.

Mitt Romney helps at a storm-relief event in Kettering, Ohio, on Tuesday. Hopefully, he isn't compromising his moral beliefs. GETTY IMAGES

Endangered moth larva a scary sight



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Animal behaviour

Larva of moth is fit for Halloween

If prizes for Halloween costumes were handed out in the natural world, this scary skull-faced creepy-crawly would surely win.

This extraordinary specimen is the larva of the pink underwing moth (Phyllodes imperialis), an endangered species only found in the Australian rainforest. METRO

Photographer's viewpoint

"Sadly, this moth is very rare. I only know of a single adult seen last year, so I do not have photographs of the adult yet. This southern subspecies is listed as nationally endangered in Australia."

Botanist/ecologist and photographer Lui Weber explains

Habitat

Photographer keeps finding more

All but one of the habitat locations are in south-eastern Queensland, but Lui says more discoveries are being made.

"It was only known to breed in a single location in upland rainforest. But this year I have discovered another three locations and a colleague has located one additional site, making five locations in total," Lui says. METRO

Conservation efforts

Moth currently looking for a home

The Australian government has placed the caterpillar on its endangered list. "Potential breeding habitat is restricted to areas where the caterpillar's food plant, a native rainforest vine, occurs in subtropical rainforest," the government said. "Adult pink underwing moths require the darkness supplied by the vine to breed." METRO

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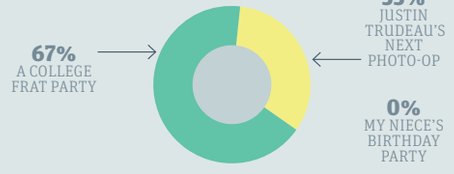
After appearing in an Ottawa couple's wedding photos, what event should Stephen Harper photobomb next?



Twitter

@camcharron: Another Star Wars movie? Sounds kinda cool, it's been too long since Jedi. They ought to make a Matrix sequel, too.

@RedLangara: Bike to work week and a few more bike lanes in #Vancouver seems an inadequate response in the face of climate chaos. #Sandy #ClimateCrisis

@sunflowercyn: major fan freak out time now. I remember standing in line to watch Star Wars to the one theatre in Vancouver that played first run shows

@SimeyP93: @DarrenMattocks - all the best thursday bro ! Whitecaps all the way

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Walt Disney Company President and CEO Bob Iger, left, Star Wars creator George Lucas and actor Anthony Daniels attend the grand opening ceremonies for Star Tours — The Adventures Continue at Disney's Hollywood Studios theme park. DAVID ROARK/GETTY IMAGES

LucasFilm flies into new era

Walt Disney. The Star Wars franchise, built from the ground up by George Lucas, sold for death-star-size sum of $4.05 billion

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The Walt Disney Company has purchased LucasFilm — which was behind the colossal Star Wars franchise — for $4.05 billion, the company announced Tuesday.

In addition, Disney announced that a new Star Wars film — rumoured to be Episode 7, which would follow Return of the Jedi chronologically — will be released in 2015.

That film will be just the beginning, as a Disney insider tells Metro that the new film "will be followed by Episodes 8 and 9, and our long term plan is to release a new Star Wars feature film every two to three years."

He added that the company believes "there's substantial pent-up demand" for more Star Wars films.

"For the past 35 years, one of my greatest pleasures has been to see Star Wars passed from one generation to the next," franchise creator George Lucas said in a statement. "It's now time for me to pass Star Wars on to a new generation of filmmakers."

LucasFilm co-chair Kathleen Kennedy will become president of LucasFilm, while Lucas will serve as a creative consultant for any new films. Disney purchased Marvel Entertainment three years ago for an almost identical sum.

Celeb tweets

Here is what some of the celebrity fans are saying about the switch.

- **Patton Oswalt (@pattonoswalt).** Not saying Twitter's in a nerd frenzy about the Disney/Lucasfilm STAR WARS VII news, but I tried to post earlier & got my arm ripped off.
- **Paul Scheer (@paulscheer).** I just got so excited when I heard they were making a Star Wars VII then I remembered the last three.
- **Harry Knowles (@headgeek666).** Busy running a mini-army to get ready for Halloween. But, this STAR WARS/LUCASFILM/DISNEY thing — it's what I as a fan have dreamt of. YES!
- **Han Solo (@hansolo).** I'm mostly just excited for Star Wars theme parks.

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Blood on the snow

Thrills and chills.
The Canadian horror genre has a healthy collection of classics that have influenced the U.S. industry

IN FOCUS
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There's plenty to be afraid of in Canada — and no, I don't mean Quebec's mythical werewolf, the loup-garou or Dalton McGuinty's proroguing of the legislature. We may be known as a mild mannered people, but put us in front of a camera and all of a sudden we turn into creepy Canucks.

The Great White North has a blood splattered cinematic tradition, dating back to The Mask, the first Canadian film widely distributed in the United States.

A low budget 3D thriller about an archaeologist who believes he is cursed by a mask that causes him to have weird nightmares and even murder people, the movie was a cheapie knocked out to cash in on the 3D craze started by movies like House of Wax. Although it missed that movement by a few years, it may have inadvertently started a new trend. Since the release of The Mask, which coupled tried-and-true 3D with experimental electronic music to heighten its spooky effect, Canadian filmmakers have been scaring the toques off their countrymen and women.

Where would Canadian horror movies be without Valentine's Day? In 1981, My Bloody Valentine, a creepy little slasher flick shot in Cape Breton, ran afoul of the ratings board but has since gone on to become a cult classic.

In 2008, a new type of terror reared its ugly head on the day Hallmark created. In Bruce MacDonald's Pontypool, the townsfolk of a small Ontario town are infected by a deadly virus on Valentine's Day — A God bug that turns them into flesh-eating zombies. Not even Cupid with a quiver full of arrows can keep this town safe.

Jack Brooks: Monster Slayer, an Ottawa-shot chiller, has cult hit written all over it. Breathing the same fetid air as genre classics Dead Alive and Demons, it has all the earmarks of a midnight movie in the making — humour, a tormented anti-hero, crazy creatures, gallons of guts and goo crowned by an over-the-top performance from horror legend Robert "Freddy Krueger" Englund.

No look at Can Con chills would be complete without at least one David Cronenberg movie. The Brood stars Oliver Reed, Samantha Eggar and Black Christmas (another great Canadian horror) star Art Hindle in a story about a brood of mutant children. Writer Ken Hanke called it one of the director's most "unsettling" films, which is really saying something if you've seen Rabid, Shivers or Videodrome.

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Simpson busted after wife finds photo of young male model

Joe Simpson's alleged affair with a 21-year-old male model apparently only came to light when his wife, Tina Simpson, discovered some photos of the young man, Bryce Chandler Hill, in her home and confronted her husband, according to Radar Online.

"Joe got busted after Tina found some modeling pictures of Bryce in her home," a source says. "They were taken in and around the house, and she was suspicious because she didn't have a clue who the boy was."

After finding photos of Joe and Bryce together, Tina decided to confront Joe, who was on a trip to New York at the time — so that's just where she went, according to the website.

"When she got there, she called him down to the lobby and they thrashed it out," the source says.

"It was there and then that Joe confessed he was having a gay affair with Bryce, who had left the hotel just days earlier, and Tina demanded a divorce."

Joe Simpson

Twitter

@Joan_Rivers
Thinking of everyone in NY and on the east coast. Stay safe! I'm stuck in LA and unable to appear live on @QVC. This truly NEVER happens...

@AlbertBrooks
The news seems so happy when the storm is worse and sad when it isn't.

@lindsaylohan
Do it

@SteveMartinToGo
I hearby resign from public life. Okay, I'm back!

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Lance Bass not bothered over Timberlake wedding snub

Lance Bass doesn't harbor any hard feelings toward Justin Timberlake for not getting invited to Timberlake's recent lavish wedding in Italy.

"No one was invited to Justin's wedding. None of *NSYNC were invited," Bass tells Hollyscoop. "They had a small group of people. We did an engagement party for him, but nothing since then."

Bass must not have read the reports from Us Weekly last week that *NSYNC members JC Chasez and Chris Kirkpatrick did in fact score invites.

But Bass and Timberlake seem to agree on one thing: "I highly doubt that we will ever have a reunion," Bass says.

"I mean, never say never. But it won't be any time soon."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Charlize Theron

Theron, Hardy butting heads on set

Tensions are reportedly running high on the set of the Mad Max remake — and it's all due to Tom Hardy's method acting, which is driving co-star Charlize Theron crazy, according to Radar Online.

"Charlize and Tom are just not getting on together," a source says.

"In between takes Tom likes to stay in character and is constantly talking to himself and mumbling things. Charlize has tried to talk to him during breaks in filming, but he shuts himself off from the rest of the cast." The source adds that Theron thinks Harding is "a weirdo."

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The sun is shining — the golf course is sweet

Tee time. The Jamaican Open offers a laid-back chance for amateurs to hit the links with the pros

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A favourite stop of royalty and high society, Montego Bay's posh Half Moon, A Rock Resort, hosts both amateurs and pros in a prestigious and fun annual championship dating from 1953.

Teeing off under the swaying palms alongside Jim Thorpe, Olin Browne, Russ Cochrane and other golf stars in the Jamaica Open is a fantasy come true for amateur golfers.

Just as much fun is the beachside après-golf parties with new celebrity friends at the resort, which is the host and sponsor of the national championship.

Played Nov. 28 to Dec. 1, the tourney is open to both professionals and amateurs who carry a maximum handicap of 5.0.

Far more democratic is the one-day pro-am preceding the main event, which accepts entries from teams of three golfers of varying abilities (provided each golfer carries an official handicap) for the entry fee of $600 (all prices in U.S. dollars).

Perhaps as big a draw as the Jamaica Open's purse of $85,000 is the opportunity for golfers to luxuriate for a few days at a Caribbean resort whose guest list has included the Queen and John and Jacqueline Kennedy, who enjoyed a month-long vacation here just prior to his inauguration as U.S. president in 1961.

Half Moon takes its name from the property's famous crescent-shaped beach of pure white sand, which in 1954 inspired investors to turn an abandoned sugar plantation into one of the world's elite resorts.

Located near bustling Montego Bay on Jamaica's northwest coast, Half Moon, which has been lavishly renovated over the past decade, sprawls across 400 acres of some of the most dramatically beautiful terrain in the Caribbean.

Accommodations include rooms and suites, as well as 33 elegantly accessorized four-to-seven-bedroom private villas, each with a pool and full-time staff.

Furnished throughout with Queen-Anne-inspired pieces and vibrant Jamaican paintings, Half Moon retains the feel of a traditional island plantation, yet with all the modern amenities.

There are 54 swimming pools, 13 floodlit tennis courts, the award-winning Fern Tree spa, one of the Caribbean's best-equipped equestrian centres and a protected lagoon where guests can swim with Reggae and Toni, the resident Atlantic Bluenose dolphins.

But the focus for golfers is Half Moon Golf Club, a lushly tropical Robert Trent Jones Sr. design opened in 1961 (and masterfully updated by Roger Rulewich in 2005) that flows seamlessly through gentle foothills just beyond the craggy coastline.

Entry to the Lime Jamaica Open is $650 for professionals; $500 for amateurs.

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Roasted Eggplant and Pepper Dip with Black 'Bugs'

This recipe yields about 3-1/2 cups (875 ml) of dip. DAIRYGOODNESS.CA

Gruesomely delicious dip with black bugs for tombstone nibbling

Roasted eggplant and pepper dip with black "bugs" is a gruesomely delicious dip that can be topped off with "tombstone" toast slices. This baba-ganoush-inspired recipe also reaches new levels of darkness with rich pomegranate molasses, balanced by heady garlic, cumin, coriander and bell pepper. Garnished by insect-specks of black sesame or poppy seeds, it will have your guests crawling with excitement inspired from beyond the chip bowl.

1. Preheat oven to 400 F (200 C).

2. Place eggplant on oven rack. Place whole pepper, onion and garlic cloves in roasting pan and toss olive oil. Roast vegetables 45 mins., tossing every 15 mins., until vegetables are charred and eggplant is deflated (remove garlic and onions as they are roasted; they will be ready before pepper). Remove eggplant from oven with tongs, place in roasting pan with other vegetables, and allow to cool.

3. While vegetables cool, in dry skillet, combine cumin, coriander and 1 tsp (5 ml) of nigella seeds. Cook over medium heat, shaking pan often 2 mins. until fragrant and seeds begin to pop. Transfer to mortar and pestle and grind until crushed, but not perfectly smooth.

4. When vegetables cool enough to handle, cut eggplant and scoop out flesh onto a cutting board. Peel, core and de-seed pepper and place flesh on board with onion and garlic cloves. Roughly chop everything and scoop into a serving bowl.

5. Stir in toasted seeds, salt, lemon juice, yogurt and pomegranate molasses. Serve immediately. Top with remaining nigella seeds arranging as bugs.

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Ingredients

- 1 large eggplant (1-1/2 lbs/750 g), pricked all over with a fork
- 1 sweet orange pepper
- 1 onion, quartered
- 4 large cloves garlic
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) olive oil
- 1-1/2 tsp each (7 ml) cumin seeds, coriander seeds
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) nigella, black sesame or poppy seeds, divided
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) salt
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 1 cup (250 ml) thick plain yogurt (Greek)
- 1-1/2 tsp (7 ml) pomegranate molasses
- Flatbread, toasted pita or sliced naan to serve

Drink of the Week

Dark and Gloomy Blueberry Smoothie

This gloomy-coloured smoothie, perfect for a spooky Halloween breakfast, is packed with blueberries, bananas, milk and a handful of spinach. Halloween, after all, is all about disguises!

- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) milk
- 1-1/2 cups (375 ml) loosely packed fresh baby spinach
- 1 cup (250 ml) frozen blueberries
- 1 banana, peeled
- Pinch ground nutmeg
- 1 tbsp (15 ml) pure maple syrup, or to taste

In a blender, combine milk, spinach, blueberries, banana, nutmeg and maple syrup and blend until smooth. Add more maple syrup, if desired. Serve immediately.

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The desk says it best

Look around you. A chaotic cubicle could indicate to co-workers that professionalism isn't your priority

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If you're going to let your space speak for you, make sure it's dishing out the compliments. ISTOCK

Whether we like it or not, our desks say a lot about us.

If you're entering the workforce for the first time as a student or new grad, it's easy to overlook the small details of your working life and focus solely on fitting in with your new office.

Ultimately, your personality, work ethic and professional skills will be what allow you to succeed in your career, but there is a lot to be said for how you handle your personal space. Unnecessary clutter, for example, can cause you to appear disheveled and make your co-workers take you less seriously.

Avoiding these common trends can ensure that if your desk absolutely insists on talking about you, it will only have good things to say.

Itching to leave

It's nice to personalize your space. In fact, doing so creates the idea that you are committed for the long haul, which an employer will look highly upon. That being said, the 800 photos of your Jamaican cruise and countdown calendar to your next vacation don't reflect well. They suggest that you'd rather be anywhere but here.

Tip: Limit the number of photos you post so you don't appear eager to run out the door.

No man's land

On the other end of the spectrum, your desk shouldn't be so empty that people forget someone actually sits there. Too many photos and memorabilia items send a negative message, but a complete lack of them sends a different yet equally off-putting thought. People might think you're reluctant to settle down with the company.

Tip: Nobody needs to know about your ongoing Pokemon obsession, but a family photo or two makes it seem like a human being actually works there.

Childhood nostalgia

Small toys often occupy some desk spaces. Slinkies. Bobbleheads. Tiny race cars. These add a sense of fun to your desk and express your imagination and laid-back attitude. That being said, an overabundance of toys can also suggest a lack of focus.

Tip: Your desk should indicate that you're approachable, not five years old. Keep the slinky and throw out the Etch-a-Sketch.

Snacks and Starbucks

Depending on your work environment, eating at your desk may be common practice. However, if you're one of those people who likes to eat little portions throughout the day, make sure you don't let empty containers and wrappers pile up. This makes you appear messy and distracted (and as though you have nothing better to do than continually go for coffee breaks).

Tip: Use a reusable coffee mug to cut down on the number of Starbucks cups piling up by your monitor.

Post-it note central

If a slight breeze could potentially tear your organization apart, it's time to change your strategy. Writing a quick note to yourself might make you feel on top of things, but an abundance of them makes you appear disorganized to others.

Tip: A notebook (or better yet, an online calendar which can notify you before you're supposed to do something) is a much more efficient way to stay organized.

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Taking festive too far?

Every day is a holiday

- Halloween brings forth tiny carved pumpkins. Christmas finds your desk completely strung with lights, and Easter features a giant pile of decorated eggs. Although festive, this indicates you have nothing better to do at work, making your boss question both your priorities and commitment to your job.
- Tip: Bring in Halloween treats and hang up a stocking. End of story.

Bring some order to the office. Get a grip on every precious hour of your working day

You crawl into work. Settle into your chair. Turn to your co-worker, ask how their evening was and get their take on the latest Perez release. Now that you're caught up, you casually look out the window and wonder what you'll make for dinner that evening. All that thinking about food reminds you that you haven't yet had your morning coffee. Off you saunter, leaving your piles of work until the last minutes of the day, at which point you pound on that keyboard like it owes you money to get your reports in on time as you wonder where the day went.

If this sounds like your typical work day, it's time for a time management makeover.

To make the transition from caffeine-fuelled work rampage to the cool and collected colleague you know you can be, here are two tips for time management in the office.

Make lists, not excuses

To-do lists aren't just for soccer moms anymore. Trying to keep track of everything in your brain is a heavy task, but putting pen to paper ensures that those tasks won't be forgotten. Writing down the things you have to do will help organize your projects so you can start getting things done. Be realistic when writing lists of your projects and try separating your items by what you need to do that day and what is not really time sensitive. Having a daily to-do list will help organize your time and give you a sense of what needs to be done when, ensuring your tasks don't accumulate to an impossibly busy Friday afternoon.

Go after the big fish first

You may pride yourself on writing emails in perfect iambic pentameter, but if you are spending all day penning a few short messages, it's time to re-think your priorities. With your time organized and your lists written, separate the tasks that need to get done now from those that can wait until you have a spare moment. Try and get the little things out of the way first and prioritize the major projects over things that are less time sensitive.

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Student voice

Sporting a sensational CV

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I am a 24-year-old athlete with three major transitions that have led me to where I am today. My first transition was from high school to university. At 17 years old, I was nearing the end of my high school career and started to consider my options for the future. As an accomplished tennis player, I had a few choices for my next step, which included pro tennis, university in Canada or a tennis scholarship in the United States. I was on the fence because I thought I could be successful on the pro tour, but at the same time university seemed like the logical option. I ended up accepting a full tennis scholarship at UCLA. I chose school over the pros and it was one of the best decisions I've made. The second transition was from undergraduate to graduate school when I entered Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. for sports management. Grad school helped me step out of my comfort zone and apply the material I was being taught in the workforce. After finishing grad school, I'm now experiencing my third (and most difficult) transition. My path of education is complete, and I'm now setting out to create a new one in the communications field.

What I'm doing now

During my graduate program, I started working as an assistant tennis coach at Georgetown, which was a change from being an athlete. I'm now working part-time as an assistant tennis coach at Georgetown and part-time as a communications intern at Lagardere, a public relations company in Washington, D.C. Another hurdle I've had to overcome in my transition to the "real world" has been securing employment in the U.S. Canadian students who attend school in the U.S. are eligible for up to 12 months of employment. After that, you need to find a company that will sponsor you for a work visa. I'm currently in my 12-month period after school, and who knows if I'll find a company to sponsor me, but I'm trying to gain as much experience as I can.

My recommendations for employers, career centres or schools

Look at the entire person as opposed to the GPA, work experience or resumé. My undergraduate GPA was not as impressive, but my other attributes I developed during my athletic scholarship made me invaluable as a potential hire. Playing varsity tennis taught me leadership skills, time management and teamwork. Employers and schools need to look at the whole package. Sometimes the most important aspects cannot be expressed on paper.

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NHL lockout

Canucks' Hansen heads for Europe

Jannik Hansen has signed with Tappara of the SM-liiga in Finland, making him the second member of the Vancouver Canucks to leave for Europe as the NHL lockout continues.

Dale Weise was the first Canuck to sign in Europe, choosing to play for the Tilburg Trappers in the Dutch Elite League.

Hansen, a 26-year-old native of Herlev, Denmark, scored a career-high 16 goals and 39 points with the Canucks last season. He is Vancouver's ninth-round pick, 287th overall, in the 2004 NHL Entry Draft.

On Friday, the NHL cancelled the regular season schedule through to Nov. 30, as the league and the NHL Players' Association continue to battle in ongoing labour negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement. METRO

CFL

Special effort nets Lions' Brown weekly award

B.C. Lions kick returner Tim Brown ran his way to the Canadian Football League's Special Teams Player of the Week on Tuesday.

Brown, who is listed at five-eight and 190 pounds, had a 56-yard punt return for a touchdown and had a combined 150 yards on six kick returns in Friday's 41-21 loss to the Calgary Stampeders.

This marks the second time this season Brown has received a player of the week honour. He also put together a solid sophomore campaign with the defending Grey Cup champs.

Brown sits second in the CFL in combined yards with 2,607. Only slot back and kick returner Chad Owens of the Toronto Argonauts has more, at 3,768 yards.

The Lions returned to practice Tuesday in preparation for Saturday's regular season finale against the Saskatchewan Roughriders at BC Place Stadium. METRO

Tim Brown on Friday.
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Vancouver Whitecaps goalkeeper Brad Knighton, left, seen here against Real Salt Lake on Saturday, will start in the club's first ever Major League Soccer playoff match against the L.A. Galaxy on Thursday. GEORGE FREY/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Whitecaps to start Knighton in goal

MLS. 'Just another game for me,' says keeper as Vancouver prepares for Thursday's MLS playoff match against L.A. Galaxy

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Brad Knighton tried his best to downplay history Tuesday, despite being the Vancouver Whitecaps starting goalkeeper for the club's first ever Major League Soccer playoff match.

Knighton, 27, has never started or played in a MLS playoff game, although he made it to the post-season three times as a member of the New England Revolution.

He'll get his chance Thursday, when the Whitecaps, the fifth seed in the MLS Western Conference, play the L.A. Galaxy on the road at the Home Depot Center in a single-game elimination opening-round playoff match.

It will be the glitz and glamour of the Galaxy — the defending MLS Cup champs with a cavalcade of stars like David Beckham and Landon Donovan — against the Whitecaps, the first Canadian franchise to make the MLS playoffs, after doing so on the strength of a 1-6-3 finish to the regular season.

"It's just another game for me," said Knighton, following the Whitecaps' training session in Burnaby before boarding a flight to L.A. Tuesday afternoon.

"Everyone talks about it being the first game, nerves and that. It's all up to me going out and doing the little things well, and that's holding shots and my distribution being good and organizing the defences as I should. If I do the little things, the rest will take care of itself.

"You're not trying to make a huge picture … of how prolific this game could be for a whole organization, the city, and playing against the champions. You can take a look at that and you can go crazy."

Knighton joined the Whitecaps in January after playing all of the 2011 season with the Carolina RailHawks of the North American Soccer League.

He was handed the No. 1 goalkeeper responsibilities at the start of September, after three consecutive losses charged against 37-year-old Joe Cannon toward the end of August.

Knighton has since made seven straight starts, amassing a record of just one win, three losses and three draws. His first start in that string of seven was a 2-0 loss to the Galaxy.

However, he does have three clean sheets in his last four games, and has only allowed seven goals in 10 games all season.

The fact Knighton has no game experience in the MLS playoffs didn't factor into head coach Martin Rennie's decision to keep him as the starter in L.A.

"He's done very well and if anything changes, Joe would be ready to go and we'd be confident in him," said Rennie, who was Knighton's coach with the RailHawks.

"But I think Brad, he's done so well for us. He's going to be going in with a lot of confidence."

L.A. already looking ahead

Galaxy taking Caps for granted?

The L.A. Galaxy, perhaps inadvertently or perhaps not, has posted on its website a date and time for a second-round playoff match against the San Jose Earthquakes.

There's only one wrinkle: The first round has yet to take place.

And the Whitecaps have taken notice, further adding motivation to their plight as underdogs in their single-game elimination playoff match against the Galaxy on Thursday.

"I think what we have to do is prepare as normal. If they take us for granted, that's good for us, that's our advantage," said Whitecaps captain Jay DeMerit. METRO

4 SPORTS

Heat forward Chris Bosh, left, guards Boston's Kevin Garnett on Tuesday night in Miami. CHRIS TROTMAN/GETTY IMAGES

Heat ring in new season with a win

NBA. Rival Celtics fall in Miami, but so does superstar James

LeBron James got cramps, Ray Allen was snubbed and Dwyane Wade was steaming.

None of that spoiled the Miami Heat's mood on ring night.

Wade scored 29 points, James finished with 26 points and 10 rebounds while missing much of the second half because of cramps in both legs, and the reigning NBA champion Heat beat the Boston Celtics 120-107 on Tuesday night in the season opener for both teams.

There were actual fireworks before the game to close the ceremony where the Heat got their championship rings and raised their title banner. There also were plenty of figurative fireworks late, first with Boston almost digging out of a 19-point hole and, after the outcome was decided, Rajon Rondo flagrantly fouling Wade by wrapping his arms around his neck on a drive.

In the end, though, the first Celtics-Heat matchup of this season was like the final one of last season — with Miami winning.

"It was good to cap this night off with a win," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "It was an emotional time for all of us in our organization."

Even for the newcomers, like Allen. He scored 19 points — needing only seven field goal attempts — in his first game with Miami since leaving Boston over the summer. Chris Bosh had 19 points and 10 rebounds for Miami.

Allen got chants from the Heat crowd, which is nothing new. Except this time, they were positive.

"Never thought I'd hear that here," Allen said.

Paul Pierce scored 23 points, Rondo finished with 20 points and 13 assists, and Leandro Barbosa scored 16 for Boston. The Celtics, who lost to the Heat in last season's Eastern Conference finals, were not on the court for the ring ceremony.

They almost wrecked the festive mood with a late comeback.

An 11-2 run late in the fourth quarter got Boston within 111-107 on Courtney Lee's layup with 2:09 left. That was the last Celtics' hurrah — Bosh scored the game's next seven points, sealing it for Miami.

"I thought they were the aggressor the whole game," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "They got on the floor where they wanted to get on the floor. They took us out of stuff that they wanted to."

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Opening night

120	107
Heat	Celtics

Hockey. Simmonds the target of racism once again in Czech league

The Czech Republic's ice hockey federation says it has fined a club after its fans aimed racist chants toward Philadelphia Flyers winger Wayne Simmonds, who is playing in the top Czech league during the NHL lockout.

In a statement issued Tuesday, the federation said the Chomutov Pirates were fined 30,000 koruna ($1,554) by its disciplinary committee for the chants directed toward Simmonds, who currently plays for the Liberec White Tigers.

The incident took place during Sunday's game between the Pirates and the Tigers.

Chomutov has apologized to Simmonds and the club said it would do everything it can to prevent any such abuse in the future.

Last year, a banana was thrown at Simmonds from the stands during an NHL pre-season game in London, Ont.

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Wayne Simmonds with the Philadelphia Flyers at Madison Square Garden last November. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES FILE

MLB

Romero's rough season ends with elbow surgery

As Ricky Romero struggled through his disastrous 2012 season, it was often speculated he must have been hurt. Now we know he was.

The Blue Jays' 27-year-old left-hander had arthroscopic surgery two weeks ago to "clean up" scar tissue that had built up in his left elbow, he and the club announced Tuesday.

Romero admitted he pitched through soreness on the outside of his elbow through most of the season, but said he wasn't sure if it caused his poor performance. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Lockout

Players get escrow before missing another pay period

Locked-out NHL players had the pain of missing their first full pay period offset Tuesday when they received last season's escrow cheque.

Players were returned 7.98 per cent of what they earned last year, plus interest, one day before their second paycheque of the 2012-13 season would have been due, according to a spokesman for the NHL Players' Association

The escrow payments amount to about $80,000 for every million dollars a player earned — before deductions.

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Wild West showdown

Los Angeles Lakers centre Dwight Howard is defended by Dallas Mavericks' Vince Carter, left, and Elton Brand during NBA action in Los Angeles on Tuesday night. The Mavericks started their season off strong with a 99-91 win. JAE C. HONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NBA. Irving leads path in Cavaliers' opening-night win

Kyrie Irving scored 29 points, Anderson Varejao had a career-high 23 rebounds and the Cleveland Cavaliers opened the season with a 94-84 victory over the short-handed Washington Wizards on Tuesday night in the first game on the NBA schedule.

Rookie Dion Waiters added 17 points for the Cavs, who led by 16 in the third quarter but needed big plays from Irving and Varejao in the final minutes to hold off the Wizards, who scored the first 14 points of the fourth. Varejao had a career-high nine assists, two setting up dunks by Tristan Thompson of Brampton, Ont., in the last two minutes. Thompson finished with 12 points, 10 rebounds and 5 assists.

Jordan Crawford scored 11 points to lead the Wizards, who were without star point guard John Wall, power forward Nene and forward Kevin Seraphin. Wall, the former No. 1 overall pick, is expected to be out until late November with a knee injury.

Irving, the NBA's reigning rookie of the year, began his second season with a strong performance alongside Waiters, a surprising No. 4 overall pick. Waiters didn't start a game at Syracuse, but Cavs coach Byron Scott has been impressed with his progress and wanted to pair his two young guards together from the outset.

They played well in spurts, but made enough mistakes to keep Scott from giving them too much freedom.

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In Cleveland

94	84
Cavaliers	Wizards

Cavaliers point guard Kyrie Irving makes a pass on Tuesday in Cleveland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The escrow payments amount to about $80,000 for every million dollars a player earned — before deductions. For example, New York Rangers forward Brad Richards grossed approximately $960,000 after being the league's highest-paid player last season.

Under the terms of the expired collective bargaining agreement, NHL players had a portion of their salaries deducted throughout the season and placed into an escrow account.

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Part-time goalie working OT for locked-out players

Hockey. 45-year-old doing his part in keeping pros sharp

The first time real-estate agent and part-time goalie Greg Partchenko walked into a dressing room filled with NHLers, you could hear a puck drop.

"The first day, I walk in and I hear all the guys talking away and it goes silent," Partchenko says. "You can hear the guys thinking, 'Who's this guy?'

"I just said, 'Hi.'"

Big, burly and in his mid-40s, Partchenko put on his equipment, went out on the ice and started what amounts to a part-time hobby as a goalie for NHL stars.

"The next day, Matt Stajan came to me and said, 'When we first looked at you we said, who the heck is this guy? When you got out there it was like, this guy can stop pucks.'"

That was a couple of years ago, when Partchenko, 45, got a call from a mutual friend of Matt Nichol, the former Leafs trainer who runs a camp for pros in the summer. Like shinny players everywhere, they needed a goalie.

"(On Friday), we didn't have a goalie. It's not as fun," says Leafs forward Matthew Lombardi. "You need a goalie. It makes it better for us."

Now that the lockout has sidelined NHLers everywhere, Partchenko's regular two-week gig in August has stretched out a couple of months. He's gotten to know the likes of Phil Kessel, Mike Cammalleri and Dion Phaneuf.

"You're thinking, 'Are these guys going to take it easy on me, are they going to go hard? If I feel like I'm having a bad day, do these guys want me to come back? Am I putting up enough competition for them?'" wonders Partchenko. "At the end of the day, they go, 'Yep, you're doing all right.'"

It's been mostly Maple Leafs and Toronto residents such as Cammalleri and Tomas Kaberle working out at the local rink — they're not at the Maple Leafs-operated MasterCard Centre anymore.

There's a bit of a rotation among the goalies working out at the Toronto camp. Team Canada women's national goalie Christina Kessler has been coming out lately, as well as some midget-aged goalies.

Andrew Cipollone, 16, of the AAA North York Rangers, was on the ice on Monday — skipping school in the process — for his first day with the pros.

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Quoted

"There's 60 in the league and so many are in Europe. There's just not that many around."

Toronto Maple Leaf Phil Kessel on the challenge of finding a goaltender for training sessions

Goalie Greg Partchenko with new Maple Leafs centre Jay McClement during a scrimmage with locked-out NHL players in Toronto on Tuesday.

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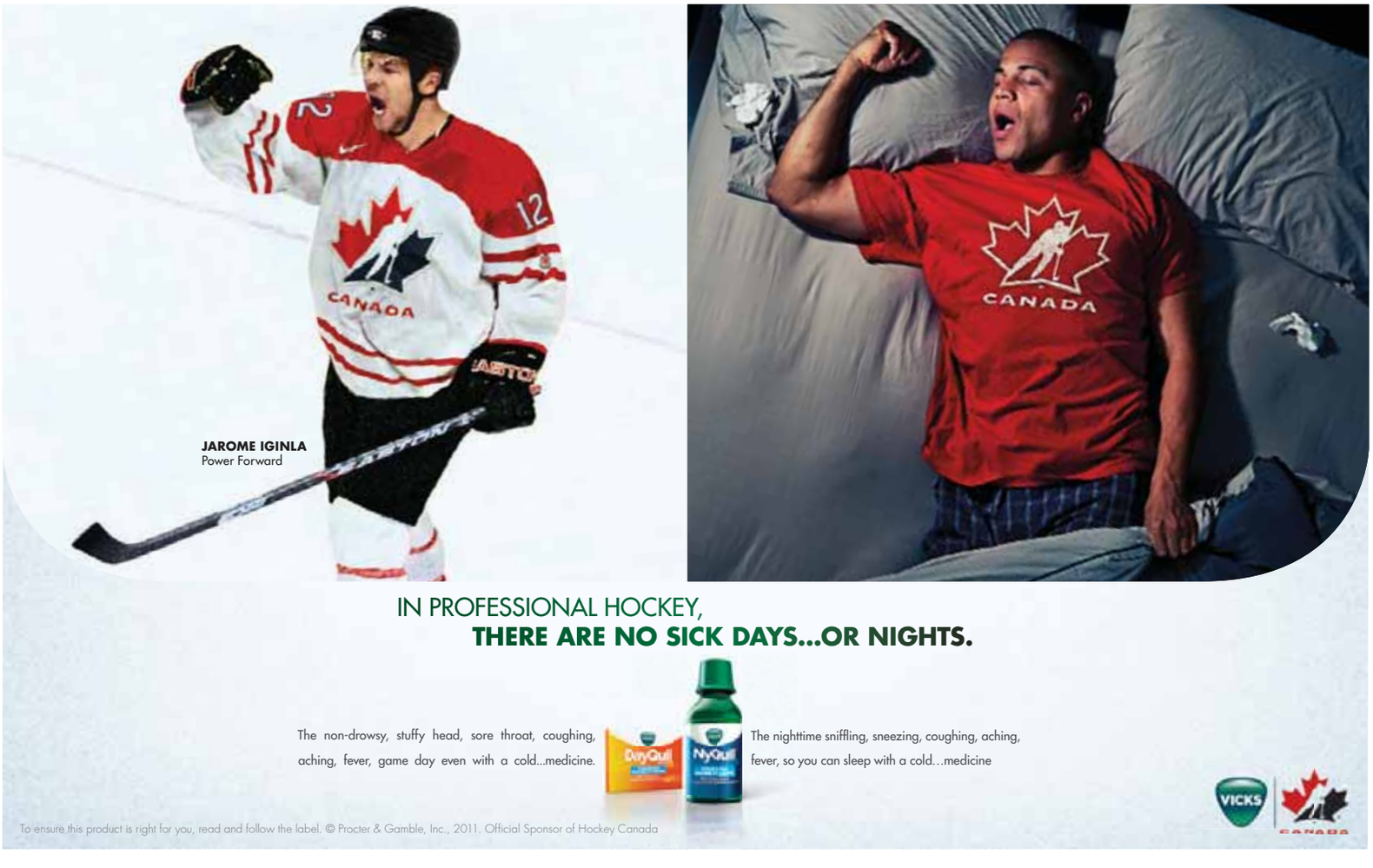
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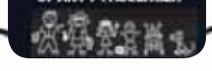

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Being the centre of our part of the universe, the sun has always maintained a pretty big ego. But we must let that slide, because it's always been quite generous about sharing its energy.

Flora and fauna have long ago figured out how to directly use the sun's energy. Cars, not so much. Solar-powered cars are coming, but they're still science experiments.

There has always been the indirect way — grabbing solar-generated electricity to throw on the grid, and then letting electric cars draw power from that grid.

It's a strategy that is gaining more and more traction these days, due to clean energy issues and the subsequent and rising popularity of the modern electrical-driven automobile.

A big case in point is the structure that suddenly appeared last week on the premises of Baka Communications. The Toronto-firm is billing it as the largest solar charging station in Canada that is not run by a government or utility-company entity. It's also among the largest in North America.

"We also have the largest private fleet of Chevrolet Volts in Canada," says Baka's president, John Marion. At the station's ribbon-cutting ceremony on Oct. 23, eight of the Volts were simultaneously charged, showing off the eight available charging stations, positioned under the carport's massive 20-kilowatt solar-panel roof.

Marion initiated the project after installing some solar panels at his house. It got him thinking about what he could do in the same green vein at the office.

"Next year, we're scheduled to do our rooftop project, an 80-kilowatt system," adds Marion. "When you combine them, they'll be able to provide 50 per cent of our total electrical needs at this location, including the full charging of all nine cars for 20-kilowatt-per-year driving."

The electric fleet and the two big solar panels will set the company back about $1 million dollars. Marion obviously feels the investment is justified.

"At the end of the day, I want to promote green … When we're bidding for work, clients want to know how green you are. We do a lot of green things, like recycling and conservation. Those are the norms. But nobody can come close to what we're doing. At the same time, it's got to be in you. It's in me."

It's in Marion so much he wants to make Baka an "evangelist for the environmental movement." In this regard, Baka is blessed by its location adjacent to the much-travelled 427 Highway — about 275,000 vehicles a day will pass by the firm's electric carport.

"We hope a lot of people will see it, to ultimately create discussion and awareness that solar powered charging stations are actually here. We also hope that Saas' phone rings off the hook, because we should have more of these."

The Saas in question is Saas Perez of Renewz Sustainable Solutions, which built and created Baka's system. Perez says the station is the first in North America to be based on a combination of Italian structural technology and North American electrical technology.

The company will be introducing a home version in 2013. Also unique will be the ability to reserve a charging station via a mobile device, but only when Baka is ready to give public access to these charging stations.

How will Baka charge public users for charging? Marion said they wouldn't have to pay. Why no payment I can't help but ask…

"Because it's free," says Marion, pointing to the sky.

School safety is everyone's concern

Driving force.
All schools should play their part and create designated drop-off zones

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Children go to school to learn, but sometimes their parents could use some lessons as well.

According to a recent survey, some 80 per cent of parents have witnessed drivers breaking the law in school zones, including speeding, texting while driving, not stopping at crosswalks, or not stopping for crossing guards.

"People have the best intentions and they want to do what's best for the children, but they have busy lives and they get distracted," says Gail Robertson, road safety ambassador for InsuranceHunter.ca.

"It's a matter of getting people to stop and think about their irresponsible behaviour behind the wheel."

The survey, which was conducted in Ontario and Alberta, uncovered more disturbing statistics.

Some 29 per cent of parents were afraid their children would be hurt being picked up or dropped off, and 21 per cent said they had to stop or swerve to avoid hitting a student who was walking on or near school property.

While driving behaviour is a major issue, Robertson says that schools need to play a part in safety as well.

"One-quarter of people indicated that their school doesn't have a designated drop-off or pickup zone," she says.

"The next step will be for parents to talk to their schools and open that dialogue, or to the school board."

Of those parents surveyed, 43 per cent said that the drop-off zones at their children's schools were overcrowded, and only 34 per cent described the zones as safe.

Robertson also suggests that, when possible, it may be safest for children to walk to school.

Almost half of the children in the survey who are driven to school live less than one kilometre away. Carpooling, if possible, can also help to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.

"The idea is to have as few cars as possible at the school," Robertson says.

"We're realistic that there will never be no cars, but if you're going to drive, make sure you obey traffic laws and don't put your children in a tough spot where there's a corner or a red light and you say, 'Jump out now.'

"You have to focus on the task on hand, which is getting your child safely to school."

Take note

- **Be vigilant.** If you observe someone driving unsafely in a school zone, it's best to report the incident to the school office or police rather than confront the driver.
- **Do your bit.** It would be a productive idea to suggest to your school that both students and parents be aware of designated drop-off zones and safety procedures when in or around them. And remind people that the safety of everyone's children is at stake.

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[1]Sprinter 2500 144" Cargo Van

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Horoscopes

Aries
March 21 - April 20
Someone is lying to you. Someone believes you are easy to fool. It's not true, is it? The planets indicate you need to keep your wits about you today. If you are careless, it could cost you more than just money.

Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Do you deal with a problem in a purely logical manner or do you allow your instincts to guide you? The best way is to combine the two, to find a happy medium. Use both sides of your brain today.

Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You will hear something today you don't want to know about, but you can't escape the facts. Like it or not, changes have to be made. The only question is: Will you make them or will you leave it to others?

Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You think too much. The more you dwell on a problem today, the more of a problem it will become. Divert your mind in a more positive direction and, who knows, maybe the problem will resolve itself.

Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Try something different today, something you would not usually dare to attempt. Yes, it may go wrong but, more likely, it will go right and you will impress a lot of people. You may even impress yourself.

Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You will come under pressure from someone who thinks they have the right to tell you what to do. They don't, and the sooner you let them know that the sooner you will be rid of their annoying presence.

Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You like to take your time when making a decision but that luxury is not available to you at the moment. Listen to what your inner voice tells you and act on it immediately. That means today, not tomorrow!

Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Don't waste your time and energy on things of no importance. If you allow yourself to be sidetracked, it could take quite a while before you are able to get back on course. Focus only on what is important to you.

Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Stand up for yourself. Refuse to do anything that does not feel right. Others will try to convince you that they know best but if your instincts tell you otherwise, you would be a fool not to listen.

Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Life is too short to waste time wondering if other people approve of your actions. For too long, you have hesitated because you were not sure you were doing the right thing. Ultimately, there is no right thing. Just act.

Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
A friend or work colleague will try to drag you into a dispute that really has nothing to do with you and if you are smart, you will refuse to get involved. You are not your brother's keeper, nor anyone else's.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You know what you want and you know where to get it but certain people don't want you to have it. Can they stop you? Only if you let them — so don't let them. SALLY BROMPTON

Cities

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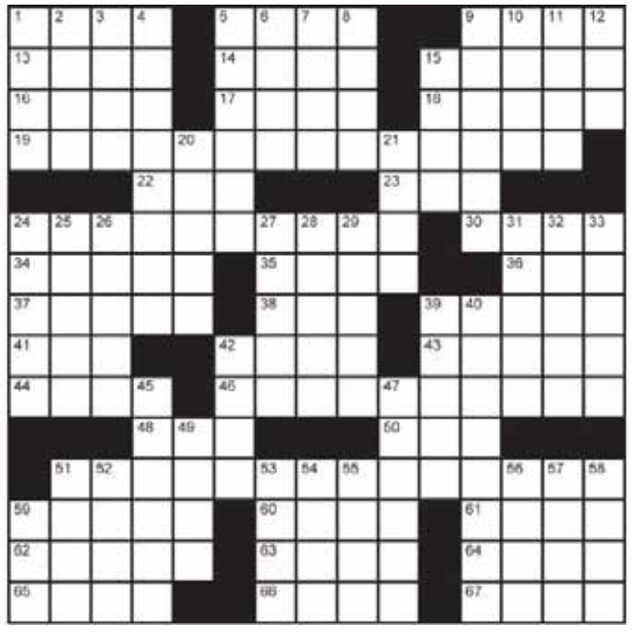


Across
1. _. ___.: state west of Minnesota (2 wds.)
5. Chilled, as tea
9. Big smile
13. Trumpet or bugle
14. Connecting point
15. Angered
16. "Moi aussi" (2 wds. minus one O)
17. "Sad to say..."
18. Fortune teller's deck
19. BC city on north bank of the Fraser, in same metro area as 51-Across (2 wds.)
22. Copy
23. "Yessir"
24. Canada's largest province's capital (2 wds.)
30. MDs
34. Store event (2 wds)
35. Big fusses
36. Doubled, a dance
37. Heads: Fr.
38. Life story, for short
39. Internal-combustion engine
41. "Raggedy" doll
42. Wipe (up)
43. Go out with ___: end noticeably (2 wds.)
44. Aussie hoppers, familiarly
46. Largest southern Alberta city
48. Can. neighbor
50. Perform
51. Suburb of BC's largest city, directly across Burrard Inlet from that city, and part of its metro area (2 wds.)
59. "Tell ___ I Love Her": 1960 teenage tragedy hit
60. *Return of the Jedi* forest dweller
61. Je t'___: "I love you" (Fr.)
62. Aquatic mammal
63. *Scream* star Campbell
64. Mounties, briefly
65. Like a busybody
66. Pre-1917 Russian leader
67. "For" votes

Down
1. Ankle-to-knee bone
2. Be overly fond
3. "Pretty maids in ___" (2 wds.)
4. Can be understood
5. "Right away!" (3 wds.)
6. Equine youngster
7. Red-wrapped cheese
8. ___ Arnaz: Lucille Ball's husband
9. Prepared parmesan
10. Hard-to-find
11. "Do ___ else!": parent's threat (2 wds.)
12. Aerialist's "insurance"
15. Teeny
20. Fencing swords
21. Negative votes
24. Abu Dhabi neighbour whose capital is Doha
25. "We ___ MSG": restaurant claim (2 wds.)
26. "Jack Sprat could ___ fat ..." (2 wds.)
27. Broadcast alternative
28. Numskull
29. Canine or bicuspid
31. Eightsome
32. Cheech's partner
33. Beetle Bailey's nemesis
39. Explorer ___ Polo
40. Newspaper item recording a death
42. Yawn-inducing
45. BC's second-largest city, in the same metro area as 51-Across
47. Broadway "angel"
49. Our sun, say
51. Canada joined this mutual defense org. in 1949
52. Ins and ___
53. Air passageway
54. Stuns
55. ___ Scotia
56. "Miami ___" : Don Johnson show or movie based on it
57. Actress Watson of Harry Potter movies
58. Salesmen, for short
59. Horror film star Chaney

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

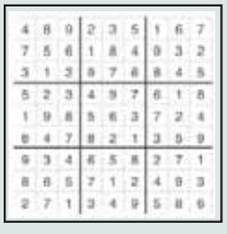
See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

3					8		9	
			3	7			2	
	1		2					7
	6	4		5				
2			8		1			4
				6		9	5	
1					7		3	
	9			4	6			
	2		9					1

Yesterday's Sudoku



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